KARIBU NEW REALITIES GRANT CYCLE 2: 2023-2024

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The current crises we face.

Africa is in a particular stage of its history where it is confronted by massive **economic, socio-cultural, political, and ecological crises**. All of these crises are inter-connected and inter-sectional, but are based in an analysis that they are inherently linked to the crisis of capitalism. Marginalized groups such as women, indigenous groups, and youth often pay the highest costs.



These large crises manifest themselves into a number of major challenges that are sometimes African wide and sometimes very country-specific, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only caused the challenges to be more visible.

The "Karibu New Realities Grant" (KNRG) program aims to address the inter-connectivity of these crises (economic-, socio-cultural-, political-, and ecological crises). We hope that the grant program can serve as a contribution to catalyze the struggles that groups of African change agents are waging against unjust systems.

Is your group embarking on an imaginative initiative as part of the struggle for a more just and equitable continent and fairer world?

The "Karibu New Realities Grant" (KNRG) – an African-led and co-designed grantmaking pilot project within the Karibu Foundation – is pleased to accept concept notes for ongoing or emerging initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa with start date of 1st January 2024.



Imaginative initiatives

The grant program's "Core Group" is looking to support groups of change agents (social movements, associations, organizations, cooperatives, collectives, and/or networks) in Sub-Saharan Africa who are launching imaginative initiatives that strengthen and add new dimensions to the struggle for systemic justice.

Disrupt the status quo of systemic injustice

We are aiming to support groups of change-agents in Sub-Saharan Africa who have **bold, innovative, forward-thinking, and "constructive troublemaking" ideas that disrupt the status quo of injustices** that the continent and our world are currently facing.

We are particularly keen on supporting groups that:

- are embarking on imaginative initiatives in a post COVID-19 reality
- utilize transformative and creative tactics (either offline or online)
- are part of social movements, as well as the ecosystems that provide space for movements to grow, build, and develop.
- have a collaborative orientation (openness and focus on knowledge sharing with other formations/groups for the wider struggle)
- have a pan-African orientation (encourages and strengthen bonds of solidarity between peoples of Africa)
- embody feminist and/or genderconscious perspectives
- are led by and/or have a majority of their members from peoples on the margins (such as youth, women, LGBTQI+, indigenous groups and others)
- have not already had significant access to grants

https://www.karibu.no/ karibu-new-realities-grant/apply/







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Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply for the KNRG, your group must:

- Be based in Sub-Saharan Africa and be African-led
- Have particular focus on the root causes of injustice, and how systems are interconnected (systemic approach)
- Have a non-violent approach¹
- Have a plan and provide a jointly-decided upon concept note (maximum 4 pages) or optional video application (maximum 10 minutes) describing your new initiative
- Provide a simple budget draft to help us understand how the funds are expected to be used
- If your group is not registered, this is not a problem. We will just need a registered fiscal sponsor who can potentially receive and financially administer the funds. We are also open to hearing alternative models.

For practical reasons, applications should preferably be sent in English.

We are aware of the language barrier that English-only applications puts on movements in a multi-language continent with colonial histories. In an aim to ease some of these challenges, we are open to receiving applications in French and Portuguese in Cycle 2.

We are also open to receiving less-traditional applications in the form of video applications. Short-listed concept notes can also be processed and discussed further over the telephone/internet meetings.

Selection Criteria

Your **concept note** should give us a clear idea of your group, as well as the values that guide it. Concept notes and/or videos will be read by the KNRGs "Core Group", who will identify a short-list of promising initiatives.

The short-list will particularly place emphasis on:

- Clarity of vision and purpose of applying group
- Clarity on how the initiative tackles root causes on injustice
- Creativity of tactics used in the initiative
- Extent that the initiative has the potential to disrupt status quo of injustice
- Extent that the group and initiative contributes to movement- and power-building, especially amongst and with marginalized groups
- Various other considerations related to the qualities of what we are keen to support (see previous page), geographic spread, and range of thematic focus

The "Core Group" of the KNRG acknowledges the continual violence waged on poor and marginalized people of the world. A non-violent approach refers to a commitment to utilizing nonviolent and creative means (e.g. acts of protest and persuasion, noncooperation, direct action, civil disobedience, boycotts, strikes, and education) - and not taking up arms - in order to resist and encourage social change. It can be understood as an active form of resistance to injustice.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Grant size

The KNRG provides small grants, ranging from **around 5,000 USD to maximum 15,000 USD.** We anticipate about 10-15 grants total in this cycle.



Duration of the initiative

Initiatives can last between **6-12 months,** with a start date of January 1st 2024. We recognize that transformation takes time, and thus this duration is understood as a contribution towards transformation.



What we unfortunately are not funding

- For-profit and/or income-generating efforts
- Government programs
- Infrastructure (homes, buildings, etc)
- Humanitarian aid (food, water and sanitation, school kits, disaster relief, etc.)
- Capital investments (farm equipment, livestock, computers, etc.)
- Individual scholarships

PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION



Gather your group to create a joint concept note (either written or visual in the form of a video).Written: Max 4 pages | Visual: Max 10 minutes. Use our concept note guidelines on the next page for more information!

Prepare budget

Prepare a short budget to help us understand how you envision using the funds. You are welcome to use our template. We understand that things may change!

Login to Karibu's "Grant Management System"

Sign-up for a user-name/password, and fill out a short "registration/eligibility form" in Karibu's online system.

Register and send application by 16 Aug 2023

Submit your application via Karibu's "Grant Management System" by 16 August 2023. Applications will only be accepted in this system.

Follow timeline/ processing

We will aim to begin coming back to you by this date. If this date changes, we will be sure to update you!



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GUIDING QUESTIONS / CONCEPT NOTE



Applicants must send a <u>maximum</u> 4-page concept note.*

Below are some questions to assist you to tell us what your imaginative, bold, and forward-thinking initiatives (action / intervention / campaign) wants to achieve. Your concept note should cover these points, and should also give us a clear idea of your formation (association / organization / cooperative / collective / network or movement) and the values that guide it.

For practical reasons, applications should preferably be sent in **English**. But we can also be open to accept applications in **French or Portuguese**.

1. The group

Briefly tell us about your group (movement / association / organization / cooperative / collective / network).

Some important details to be included are:

Your group's vision, values and profile; leadership and those responsible for this initiative; information about how the group is organized (structures, decisionmaking process, etc.); information on your main constituencies; in what ways your group is well positioned to make change. You should also let us know whether your group is formally registered or not.

3. Gauging Success

Please describe how you will gauge/evaluate the "success" of this initiative in disrupting the status quo of systemic injustice.

How will you monitor and follow the progress of the initiative, and follow the stories of change?

2. The initiative

Please describe the imaginative and bold initiative (action / intervention / campaign) that you are requesting us to support.

Outline of some the key activities, tactics or actions that will be included in this initiative (maximum 3 to 5): how this initiative brings about change or makes a difference; how this addresses the root causes and systems of injustice; the geographic scope of the initiative; your target groups; how the initiative will be conducted practically; and when/ how/why this initiative was started.

4. Funds

Please expand on the information provided in the budget, and tell us how the funds will be used.

See next page for budget info.



BUDGET / BUDGET TEMPLATE



Applicants must send an initial budget.

Include all line items related to income and expenditures. We understand this is a draft and things may change if a grant is given.

Please also include the conversation rate you have used from your local currency to USD.

Please feel free to use the budget template provided for the "Karibu New Realities Grant" - or send your own.

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All budgets should include:

- Group details
- Currency details
- Potential expected incomes from other funders
- Direct costs of the initiative (costs needed for the initiative itself)
- Indirect costs of the initiative (costs needed for overall costs of group).

You can use our budget template, or send your own, when you submit your application. The template can be found here:

<u>https://www.karibu.no/</u> <u>karibu-new-realities-grant/</u> <u>documents</u>



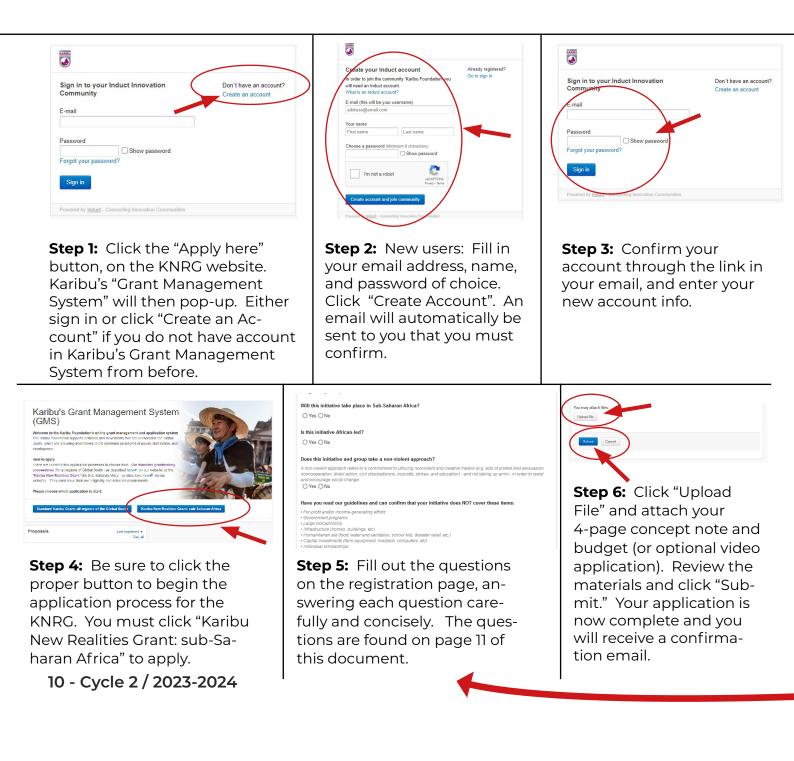
LOGIN TO KARIBU'S GRANT Management system



All applications must be received through Karibu's "Grant Management System".

You will first need to register for an account in "Induct" (the software we use) to apply.

N.B....! Applications must be sent via the "Karibu New Realities Grant: sub-Saharan Africa" button on the mainpage of the Grant Management System. See instructions below!



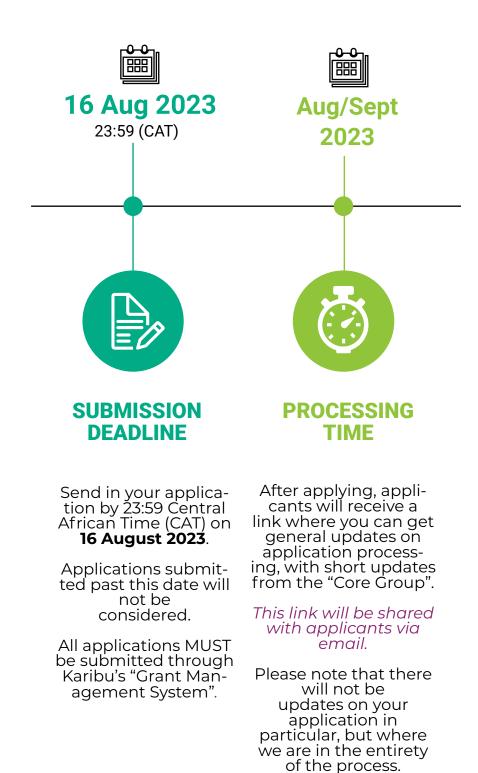


REGISTER AND SEND Application

Please be prepared to respond to the following **application registration questions** when logging into Karibu's "Grant Management System". You will need to answer these questions online when submitting your concept note + budget:

Project Title: N.B. Please start the title of your proposal with the letters "KNRG". Example: "KNRG: Name of Your Initiative" **Eligibility:** Short summary of the initiative Will this initiative take place in Sub-Saharan Please provide a very brief summary of Africa? Yes/No Is this initiative African-led? Yes/No the initiative (max 100 words)* Which Region of Sub-Saharan Africa Does this initiative and group take a non-violent approach? Yes/No will this initiative take place? * A non-violent approach refers to a commitment Western Africa Southern Africa / Island states to utilizing non-violent and creative means (e.g. acts of protest and persuasion, noncooperation, **Central Africa** direct action, civil disobedience, boycotts, strikes, Eastern Africa and education) - and not taking up arms - in or-Pan-African (two or more countries and/or Regions of Africa) der to resist and encourage social change. Have you read our guidelines and can confirm that your initiative does NOT cover these points: Which country/countries will the initiative take place? For-profit and/or income-generating efforts Which crises does your initiative Government programs Infrastructure (homes, buildings, etc.) Humanitarian aid (food, water and sanitation, school kits, disaster relief, etc.) primarily aim to confront: * Economic crises Socio-cultural crises Political crises Capital investments (farm equipment, live-**Ecological crises** stock, computers, etc.) Multiple crises Individual scholarships Time period of the initiative:* Yes, I confirm / No Initiatives can last between 6-12 months If you answered "No" to any of these questions, Amount requested in USD:* please describe why **Additional Info** Contact Info Tell us about what other movements Name of group Address you collaborate/cooperate with, who is in your social movement "eco-system", and/or other larger move-Country Telephone Leadership information ments or struggles you see yourself Main contact email as part of: Website or social media (optional) Has your group received grants Is your group formally registered? Yes/No If you are NOT formally registered, do you have an idea of which registered group can serves as a "fiscal sponsor" that can potentially receive and financially administer the funds. We are also from other funders in the last five years? If so, please provide detail. How did you hear about the "Karibu New Realities Grant"? Anything else you would like to tell open to hearing alternative models. Please us? provide detail.







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We unfortunately, however, cannot provide feedback on all applications.

QUESTIONS?

